

The decision by Sinclair Broadcasting to air a show that has been reported to be widely partisan, not to speak of possibly slanderous, is a great abuse of what I have understood our democratic airwaves to be about. I realize that the media consolidation you have allowed over recent years has led to large media conglomerates such as Sinclair to feel they can get away with just about anything....as this is demonstrating.

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation, and I wonder what's next. I would strongly request, demand, that you disallow license renewal for so brazen and illegal an organizational act as this. And if there is anything within your power at this point to do about this cowardly way of trying to get "their man Bush" elected, then please take that avenue.

YOU represent US out here, the citizens, you are not to be pandering to power or money. Each person equal. It's unbelievable really that in a country that was once protected by anti-trust and restraints on corporate power, that we now are looking worse than a communist state-controlled media....at least everyone knew there that the government, the big lumbering bureaucracy, was trying to brainwash everyone. Here, it's the people with all the power and all the money, manipulating the politics. IT's shameful. Please act on behalf of this nation, to stop such allowances.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.